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Curtis O. Finch will be tendered a farewell party April 26 at 8 p.m. in the Oakland ward chapel, MacArthur and Webster street. He will fill a mission in the Argentine after training in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City. A program of talent and friendly remarks has been arranged and all friends and members are invited to attend and send the missionary off in good spirit. Bishop Vinal Mauss will preside and conduct the program.—Photo by Piercey.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA M MEN AND GLEANERS, 500 STRONG, WILL BE GUESTS OF OAKLAND STAKE MAY 27 TO 29, 1949. COOPERATION IN OPENING HOMES TO GUESTS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

The M Men and Gleaners of Northern California will hold their annual convention May 27 to 29. This year the festivities are being sponsored by Oakland stake. Three days filled with social and religious activities have been planned.

But the local M Men and Gleaners alone cannot make the convention a success. Everyone must open his home to those who come from out of town. Five hundred young people are expected to attend the convention. Each must have a place to stay. If you can house one or more guests, please contact Harvey Hansen at LO 8-5825, or 1350 107th avenue, Oakland. Every bit of cooperation will be greatly appreciated by your young people. And the sooner you express your willingness the better it will be appreciated.

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy to get into, but hard to get out of.

"Cast Thy Bread Upon The Waters"

By ROSCOE W. EARDLEY, General Church Welfare Committee.

In the early days of the Church, a lovely young girl of 15 joined the Church in Chester county, Penn. After she was baptized she moved to Nauvoo. There she met "her" Samuel. After a beautiful romance they were married and in due course a son was sent to gladden their home. Then followed the stormy days when the Saints were driven to the west. Catherine and Samuel and their little son were among those who made the westward trek, arriving in the Salt Lake valley during the summer of 1848. Samuel proved to be a good worker and a good farmer, and they prospered in the pioneer fashion. More children, both sons and daughters were sent to bless their pioneer home.

In 1856 Samuel was called on a mission to India and was gone for three long years. Catherine had to be both father and mother to her family of small children.

But her eldest son, the one born in Nauvoo, measured almost up to the stature of a man, although he was then only ten years old. Samuel returned from India and picked up his work where he had laid it down. In a few short years he received another call to go on another mission. This time, not so far away, only to the state of Michigan. Catherine was not so enthusiastic about this second mission as was her husband. Samuel comforted her and said:

"The call is from the Lord, thru His prophet. It is our duty to respond."

He also said: "Ever since you came to the valley you have desired to return to your home in Pennsylvania and visit your sister and other relatives. Perhaps this mission will open the way. After I am released, maybe you can join me and we can visit Pennsylvania together."

So Catherine again became father and mother to her family. They lived frugally and thriftily

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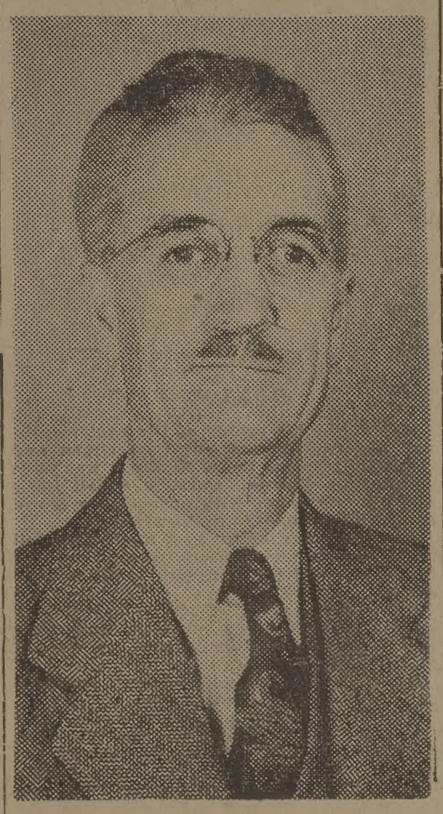
Alexander Schreiner To Play Here Sun., April 24

Latter-day Saints and their friends are invited to an organ recital by Alexander Schreiner on Sunday, April 24, at three o'clock at Grace Cathedral, California and Taylor Streets, San Francisco.

Chosen by the outstanding organists of the bay area to play for this, the biggest event of the year in the American Guild of Organists, in recognition of his greatness as one of the most talented organists in the world, it is suggested that we show Brother Schreiner and the musicians of the area that we appreciate his artistry by backing him 100 per cent at this recital. Since a large attendance is anticipated, it would be well to arrive early. There is no admission charge, a silver offering will be taken.

Honor Pres. Hilton



Pres. Eugene Hilton of Oakland stake has been signally honored by being appointed by the head of the Oakland Public Schools as chairman of a committee to make reports and publish studies on "The Moral and Spiritual Values" in educational programs in the City of Oakland and elsewhere in the nation.

This timely and vital subject is now considered of first importance by leading educators of the world. Hence the significance of one of our members chosen to head this committee at this time. Pres. Hilton will likely be granted leaves of absence from his position as an Oakland school principal in order that he may travel and study this problem in various centers, and attend and hold conferences with national leaders in this field.

It is understood that Pres. Hilton has called this added duty to the attention of the General Church Authorities, and that they have encouraged him to pursue his new callings in this study, even though that may necessitate some adjustment in his Church duties.

Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference

EZRA TAFT BENSON AND MARK PETERSON OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES TO ATTEND.

Oakland Stake's quarterly conference will be held April 9 and 10 in Oakland ward chapel.

A Stake Welfare meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday with Leadership meeting slated for 8 p.m

At the regular Sunday sessions set for 10:00 a.m., and 2 p. m. speciail business will be transacted and all stake members are strongly urged to attend. A Sunday evening session, 7 p.m., will be dedicated to young people of the Stake.

A Stake Missionary meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

Walnut Creek Becomes Ward, Berkeley Stake

Sunday, March 27, 1949, Walnut Creek became the eleventh ward of Berkeley stake. Sustained as officers of the new ward are: Kenneth Jensen, bishop; Joseph White, first counselor; Al Uffens, second counselor, and Max Green, clerk. The Messenger hopes to have a photo and sketches of the new officers for the May issue.

Oak. Stake News

M MEN BASKETBALL

Dimond ward's M Men hoopsters who in two rounds and 11 games won their Oakland recreation department league, in which all wards participated, will be presented a trophy in the early part of April, according to Stake M Men athletic supervisor Dick Hatfield.

This team, with Claremont's team, represented the Bay Area stakes in the Region 12 tilts which decided northern California's participant in the Salt Lake finals. Gridley defeated the Dimond men 43-31 to represent the region.

The Dimond team, which went to the regional play-off under Coach John Morgan were: Gene Humphries, Don Weiland, George Hilton, Harold Olsen, Bruce Morgan, Ted Miller and Jack Bolton.

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WELFARE NEWS

The boiler has been installed and tested for the stake cannery and the boiler room is to be plastered in the near future. A general clean-up in the stake cannery and around the grounds comes next.

At the Stake farm, weeds must be cleared out. Any person interested in helping at the farm, especially in hoeing weeds can go out to the farm at any time.

Anyone in Oakland Stake wishingto contribute to the Welfare program was advised by President Hilton that "now is a good time." Programs have doubled over other years, and the need is probab-

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Mormon Male Chorus Concert

To prolonged and many times repeated applause the famous Mormon Male Chorus presnted another of its high quality artistic concerts in Oakland ward chapel Staurday evening, March 26, 1949.

Under the seasoned and masterful baton of Robert Sant, and to the skilled accompaniment of Mary Watkinson on the chorus sang itself into the hearts of a warmly enthusiastic audience. In three groups, sacred, classical, and popular, were heard Open My Eyes, O My Father, Crusaders, Creation, Dawn, Day Break

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Elder Reed Tolman, Son of Nathan G. and La Ree Tolman, Returned Missionary From Australia, Tells Experiences In The Land "Down Under"

Perhaps first on the list of items which have gained a typical notority for Australia is its sheep and wool industry. There are 120,000,000 sheep in Australia, one-sixth of the total in the world. However, one-fourth of the

world's wool is produced by this Commonwealth. This is largely due to the heavy Merino fleeces from excellent sheep breeding under the ideal conditions pertaining to the sunny plains of Australia.

Then there are the strange animals found in Australia, the Marsupials, such as the kangaroos, which grow from the size of a mouse to six feet, and the Koala, a cuddly little bear with a funny nose and shaggy big ears, the pet of all the tourists. But the strangest of all is the duck-billed platypus which produces young from an egg and then suckles it at the breast.

Another thing for which Australia, and especially Sydney, is noted is its beaches. Large breakers, lots of sand and pretty surroundings make these beaches tops.

The landscape in Australia is

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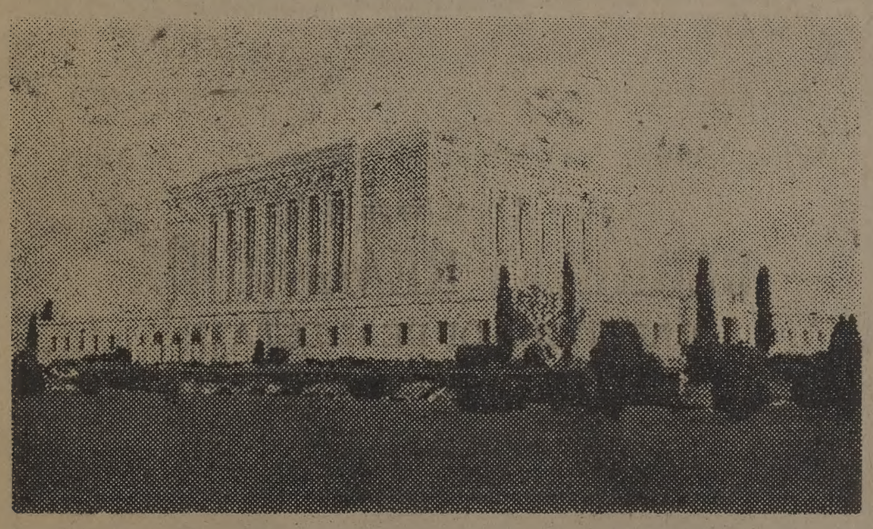
MESA TEMPLE EXCURSION ON ITS WAY



With the blessings of the stake presidency and bishoprics and many stake members, the 1949 Berkeley stake temple excursion will be on its way to Mesa, Arizona, Saturday, April 9. It is hoped to have the chartered bus leave from the Berkeley chapel at 2:30 p.m. The return trip is planned to end in Berkeley Saturday night, April 16. It is reported that a chartered bus will accomodate 37 persons. The trip will go via Los Angeles, and will enjoy the desert in spring bloom and the orchards of citrus and dates at their best.

Cannery Equipment Arrives At Berkeley Stake Welfare Center

In the picture is shown the Berkeley Stake Welfare Center as it appeared March 15, 1949. The roof is on and the canning equipment is in the building. On March 10 Berkeley Stake's cannery equipment was picked up in Oakland to which point it had been shipped by the General Church Welfare Committee from Salt Lake City. It was set in place at Berkeley Stake's Welfare Center on San Pablo Avenue and Fink Lane, El Cerrito, under the direction of Brother Campbell of Salt Lake City, who has charge of all church cannery installations.

The Berkeley cannery is a class "A" cannery, and meets all laws and requirement as laid down by the State of California. All low acid foods such as vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, etc., must be canned according to California state law. Fruits and high acid foods (such as pickles and sauerkraut), do not come under the state law, for these recommendations of the General Church Welfare Committee must be followed.

The Berkeley stake cannery includes two retorts or pressure cookers with a capacity of 300 No. 2 cans each, two automatic sealers,

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Berkeley
SECOND WARD
JUNE ELLIS

Plans for the Second Ward of Berkeley Bazaar are going forward. It will take place on May 6th.

The ladies of the ward are working under the direction of the Relief Society President, Grace Summerhayes and Ivy Erickson. Joe Hilton is the General Chairman, Glen Spencer cordinator of activities, Leroy Clovis, decorator and Harold Gaisford in charge of publicity. A gay circus theme will dominate the booths and games which will fill the hall. The ladies are busy making things to sell. Refreshments will be for sale including hot dogs, popcorn, candy, and ice cream. The enthusiastic committee are working hard. Be sure to reserve this day, May 6th.

A special Easter program will be held Easter morning and also at the Sunday evening meeting. The Choir will render special Easter music for this occasion.

The outstanding event of the month was the Gold and Green Ball. Joan Hickman made a beautiful and worthy queen.

"The Gaining of a Testimony" was the Ward Teachers' message for the month. This was also the subject of an inspiring talk given by Brother Claude N. Dewsnup month. Bro. Dewsnup will spend four at the last Sacrament meeting of the months visiting, etc./ in Utah and Idaho, we are informed.

Our Bishop, J. Ward Green, Paul Summerhayes and Walter Barrett are in Salt Lake City for the April Conferences.

Don't forget the Bazaar. This is our big opportunity to raise money for the Welfare program. Yes, May, is right.

The Mesa Temple excursion will leave Berkeley Chapel Saturday, April 9, at 2:30 by chartered bus. Thirty-seven will travel thus happily together with songs and conversations, with no others in the bus. About another dozen Saints are going by train. Some may drive down.

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Dimond Ward Basketball Champs

Winners among Oakland stake and interstake ward games, qualified as one of two bay area teams to play at Sacramento for honors of representing Region 12 at Salt Lake City an honor again won by Gridley Stake.

Utah Paragraphs

Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf of the U. C. and Edgar S. (Eddie) Hickey, St Louis cage mentor, will be featured members of the instruction staff at the 23rd annual Utah State summer school for coaches, June 6-10, 1949, at Logan.

Pyramid clubs have been held illegal by District Attorney, Brigham E. Roberts in Salt Lake City. He declared these "clubs" are in fact lotteries, similar to the old chain letters.

Provo celebrated its "centennial anniversary" in March last to memoralize the founding of Provo, March 12, 1849. A plaque was placed on a monument marking the site of "Fort Utah" built by the Provo pioneers that year.

Utah State has accepted plans for a great Union building at U. A. C. campus.

Five hundred singers from four Arizona stakes presented an "MIA Regional Music Festival" in March in Mesa before 3000 listeners. J. Spencer Cornwall tabernacle choir director, served as guest conductor.

George Sorenson of Berkeley, son of Lon and Anne Sorenson, 1948 pitching star for the U. of U. baseball nine has been emceeing his own entertainment group and gaining plenty of local applause before clubs, dinner groups, farewell parties, etc. The ball season opening has curtailed much of that activity, however.

Orderville in Kane county, Utah, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the introduction of the "United Order" in the small communities in southern Utah beginning in St. George early in 1874. After 12 years the plan was disscontinued in 1886 on the advise of Pres. John Taylor.

Dr. Roy Harris, composer-in-residence at Utah State agricultural College has just completed a commissioned work for the Louisville Symphony Society, called "Kentucky Spring." He has also been commisisoned to write a work for the University of California at L. A. for the campus symphonic band commemorating the 100th anniversary of the State of California.

Ground was broken Friday, April 1, 1949, on the Eleventh Avenue and D Street, panoramic full view site, of the Church's Primary Children's Hospital, with President Smith in attendance. George Cannon Young is the architect.

The Church's Primary Associations are urged by Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve to organize and carry on educational work among Indians in their area.

Springville, Utah, has opened its 28th Art Exhibit. A good representation is shown of contempory American artists from over the nation. The exhibit will be open until May 1949.

The Great Government Bushnell Hospital at Brigham Ctiy, Utah, will be cnverted into a school for Navahos at a cost of over $4,00,000. It will accomodate 60 0students at first and later 2,000. Study and vocational traning will be combined.

Pres. Geo. Albert Smith returned home March 30 in Salt Lake City from Los Angeles where he has convalesced since January 15, 1949.

Carquinez Ward
ELDA LOWRY

One of the big events of the past month, was the crowning of our first Green and Gold Ball Queen. Della Kershaw was thus honored by Bishop Lowry. The ball itself was a lovely affair with an overflow crowd from Vallejo, and Carquinez wards.

Another party of interest was a farewell party for Theral Nelson, who is leaving about Apri 22 for Denmark to fill a mismion.

Bill and Dorothey Matthews are moving to the Dimond ward, April 1, and Thor and Mae Honsvick have gone to Oregon to make their home.

March 25, Estrella Kelly was operated upon and is now home again.

Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Dee Moyes on the birth of their son, March 7.

Milton Snowball, former member of the Vallejo ward bishopric, and his family spent a Sunday this month visiting our meetings; he is now a member of the Stake High Council in Oroville.

Quite a number of people have been sustained to positions in the ward this past month. Lael Pedersen was made president of the Young Ladies MIA with Athol Warr as activity counselor. Dow Johnson was sustained as a Ward Teaching supervisor, and Wallace Wiereman as head of the finance committee.

Blessings and confirmations for the month of March. Telford Wooley was confirmed by his father. Monte Lewis was given a father's blessing by Max Stephensen, Janice Lynn Bussboom was blessed by Bishop Lowry. The twins, Joseph Stacy and William Henry were given a father's blessing by Ward Ingham. Knoll Richard Zoder was blessed by his grandfather, Albert Richardson, Jenny Lynn Walker was blessed by Newel Standley.

Vallejo Ward News
LA RUE A. POWELL

A welcome home party was given on March 28, for Robert L. Phibbs of the Northwestern States mission and George J. Walser of the Northern States area. These two brethern told of their interesting experiences, and with a great deal of satisfaction related their joy for the privilege they have had to serve as missionaries. Not much is seen of brother Phibbs, sinee his return as he is now living in Oakland. However, Bro. Walser is at home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Burlette, and it is a pleasure to have him join us in our church activities.

Born in Payson, Utah, in 1878, of parents who were converted in Switzerland, Brother Walser has always been an active church member. When he was a boy of twelve, he moved with his parents to Mexico and there attended school. He was the first missionary to be called from the Jaurez Academy, which was a Church school. This was in 1900 when he first served in the Northern States mission and also in Texas.

In 1904 he married Nellie Turley in the Salt Lake Temple. To their home came eleven children, two girls and nine boys. At the time he was called to return to the Northern states mission in 1946, he was an active Sunday School worker in our ward. While on his mission he was honored to become a member of the mission presidency. His labors, which dealt with church members, were very successful. His noly regret is that he cannot serve on another mission.

The past month was filled with birthday celebrations. On March 2, the Primary organization commemorated the twelfth year of a Primary held in Vallejo. The children were entertained with a program, birthday cake and had their pictures taken.

On March 18, a delightful party was held to celebrate the birthday of the original organization of Relief Society. A most enjoyable evening was spent due to the careful planning of the committee members, Norma Taylor, Kaye Newman, Mildred Thorpe and Lois Bannister. They were assisted by the Relief Society members.

Mrs. Lucille Hardcastle and baby of Long Beach are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kutterer.

Brentwod, Fairfield, Now Independent Branches

Sunday, March 20, 1949, Brentwood, the thriving Church unit in eastern Contra Costa county, became an independent branch. Heretofore Brentwood has been dependent upon Pittsburg ward and has greatly benefitted by the guidance and strength of the Pittsburg officers and members.

Sunday, March 27, Fairfield Branch, the promising Solano county Church unit, likewise stepped from a dependent into an independent status. Thus Berkeley Stake grows to contain eleven wards, and two independent branches.

Berkeley Stake News

● Dr. Robert G. Larsen, Berkeley stake high councilman, head of the lubricants and gasoline department of the Shell Development Co., Emeryville, has been chosen chairman of the California section of the American Chemical Society. This section was chartered in 1901 and now has 1800 members with headquarters at San Francisco. Dr. Larsen and family are leaving for four months in Europe for the Shell Company.

● Stanford Knight of Vallejo ward, bank teller with Bank of America, will soon move to Crescent City, California, as teller in the company's bank there. This move makes promotions more likely. We'll miss the Knights and his fine voice in the Vallejo quartette so often heard in stake affairs. Mrs. Knight is a daughter of Newell Stanley of Vallejo.

● The Berkeley stake high priests' quorum have decided to hold themselves willing to help maintain a worthy missionary in the field. They also are laying plans to accept orders for more turkey red wheat for family storage in harmony with the Church instructions to lay away a few years' supply of all sorts of food. Moreover, the quorum members were instructed to keep themselves individually alerted to money making ideas and part-time work for members who may become unemployed by retirement or loss of a job. Such data should be passed onto the quorum officers.

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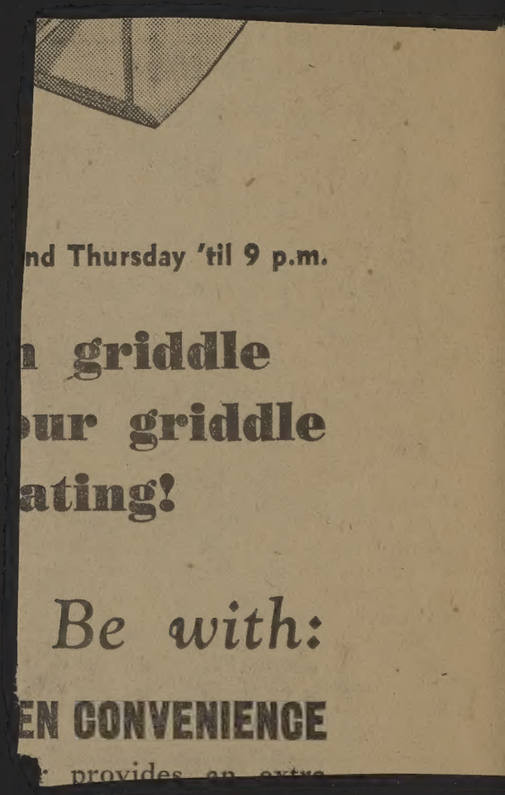
Dr. Hilton Retires As Stake President

Dr. Eugene Hilton retired as president of Oakland Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints after holding the office for 12 years as a two-day quarterly conference ended yesterday.

Dr. Hilton, principal of Emerson School, is engaged in special research and writing dealing with the moral and spiritual phases of education. He also serves as chairman of the Oakland Public Schools committee on moral and spiritual education.

Succeeding Dr. Hilton as president is Delbert H. Wright, who was first councilor. Angus H. Norbert, second councilor under Dr. Hilton, succeeded Wright as first councilor and Bishop Glenn C. Shaw was named second councilor.

Elders Ezra Taft Benson and Mark C. Petersen, both members of the quorum of 12 apostles of Salt Lake City, conducted the business meeting.



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Stop and Think

BY CALVIN SIMONS.

The pivotal point of Mormonism as compared with the rest of Christianity is our belief that the doors of heaven have not been closed and that the parent-child relationship of God to man exists as an ever-present concern of God for his children. Yet this is also a concept which some Mormons do not accept with its full significance. If revelation is continuous there is no just cause for thinking that there has ever been a period in the history of the world when God has ever completely sealed the heavens. There is also no valid reason for believing that revelation is absolutely conditional upon the presence of the priesthood—else how could the priesthood have been restored?

Firs of all, how can a God who is immediately and intimately concerned with his children be thought of as neglecting them in any period of history? His cause is certainly more concerned with individuals than with particular institutions which men have established or which God has established himself. God made man before he made a church. Thus it is inconceivable to me that the communication lines of God were dead throughout the period of time in which the "Great Apostasy" took place.

If God ever plays a role in men's lives in the working out of history, he surely lent his influences to the men of the renaissance who laid the groundwork for the restoration of the Gospel. The conditions essential for the restoration were the Protestant Reformation and the growth of an era of free enquiry which could stimulate Joseph Smith and his inquiring mind. The great names of the Reformation must certainly go down as men of God who accomplished their work through inspiration.

We do believe that these men held the Priesthood. In the broad sense that revelation is God's method of communicating with his children, and with a belief in revelation as necessarily continuous since God is personally concerned with the human family, His exercise of heavenly interest does not depend entirely on whether His Church has been established or not.

To some this argument may seem to controvert the Church's doctrine on revelation. This is true if that doctrine is interpreted to mean that we have a monopoly on God. On the other hand, it simply means that with an "inside track to the throne of God" we have a greater responsibility to use the tool of revelation as a basis for action, both on an institutional and on a personal level. In addition it should also make us realize our responsibility to work with other people and other groups which work for righteousness in the world, particularly other churches that call upon God for inspiration and help.

There are four things with regard to revelation which must be kept in mind while judging it and determining its application.

1. It comes from God.
2. It is given to man.
3. It consists of a message.
4. It is open to interpretation by its hearers. The latter three circumstances, though necessary, are always possible sources whereby error or misconception may creep into the process.

It may be misunderstood by the receiver. If its message is written down it may persist after its usefulness is past. Those who subsequently hear or read it may misinterpret it. This faulty process, so dependent is it on man for its success, is further evidence that revelation must be continuous. Whether it really does work continuously is not a product of God's willingness which is constant but depends on the diligence with which man seeks the truth and runs his life on its continual promptings.

Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

The Elders' dinner, March 19, was a huge success. Results: two deep fryers donated to the ward; ten dollars for the ward maintenance, and $100 clear for the Elders' projects. Watch for next Elders' banquet — fried chicken just the way you like it and for only $1.25 per plate.

Old man stork came to two homes; a girl for the Richard White family on the 9th and Patricia Gale Webb on the 11th. Frank Webb says it makes a man feel old to be a grandfather.

Phyllis Checketts is still in the Alameda hospital. Bishop Webb is feeling better.

The stake missionaries held two cottage meetings in the home of the Welchoff family. If anyone else would like the blessing of a cottage meeting contact one of the ward missionaries.

The Relief Society is planning a dinner party April 8. Meat pie with all the trimmings. Friends everywhere have been asked to send packages that can be sold for 25 cents. These packages will be sold at the dinner. Please, your support; beneficiary, the welfare budget.

The Ross McClellan and the Bernard Stewart families are planning to visit the Arizona temple during the Easter week and will do some temple work while there.

At Easter the choir will sing the Easter cantata, "Victory." A real treat for the ward.

Dan Burbank of the ward bishopric has had to be released on account of school and Ralph C. Smith has been sustained in his place.

Ralph C. Smith was born in Nebraska; later moved from Utah to Burlingame and recently to Hayward. A convert to the Church and a war veteran, he has been twice married and is the father of seven children. He has been very active in the Church, holding many positions and finally being called into the stake presidency in Palo Alto stake. A very able man to have in the Hayward ward. Welcome to him and his family, and success and joy to him in his labors in the bishopric.

We are glad to welcome Paul Cosmey into the Church. He was baptized in March.

I Want To Know

(Following is a sampling from several weekly columns under the above title in the enlarged "Church News" which is available by mail weekly at $3 per year thru The Messenger.)

Question: When does the spirit enter the body, at birth or before?

Answer: There is no specific revelation on this subject. . . We will say that on the records of the Church still born infants are not recorded.

Question: Has there been a literal descendant of Aaron in the Church since its organization?

Answer: None who have claimed and been given the bishopric without counselors as mentioned in D. & C. 107:76.

Question: If the president of the Church attends a sacrament meeting in a ward is he the presiding officer or does the bishop preside? What about the stake president visiting in one of the wards?

Answer: No matter in what meeting of the Church the president appears, he, of course, is the highest ranking officer of the Church present, and therefore is the presiding officer. It would be the duty of the bishop or other presiding officer to conduct the program under his direction. In the case of the stake president, he would be the presiding officer in a meeting held within the stake if no general authority were present, and the ward officer would serve as the conducting officer only.

Question: What was the mark placed upon Cain?

Answer: The fifth chapter of Moses in the P. of G. P. gives you the official explanation of the reason for the mark being placed upon Cain. We suggest you read it.

Question: How long after becoming a member of the Church can he be ordained an elder in the Melchizedek priesthood?

Answer: There is no set time. . . .The matter is in the hands of the bishop of the ward and the president of the stake.

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoes.

Berkeley Stake Gold and Green Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium, April 29

Here comes the season's outstanding event! Be there! Theme, MAY DAY. Dancing to Murray Peterson's Orchestra. Intermission period — special dancing presentation!

Stake Queen will be selected on basis of ward population actually in attendance at the ball. Be there with the crowd! Make this a "Can't miss" on your entertainment calendar. The date again: Friday, April 29, from 9 to 12.

Lord Provideth For His Servant

By OSCAR FONTANA.

Some years ago, Bro. Oscar Fontana had told Bro. Ryan of the Burlingame branch that he would accept his invitation to speak down there the following Sunday. But finances in the Fontana home reached an all time low that week and Sunday morning there was not even a penny for finances. Bro. Fontano dressed and prepared to go; his wife lightly said something about people's heads needing examination. Who would think of going places with no money?

Bro. Fontano countered, "This is God's work, I will do all I can. He always opens the way." In this frame of mind, Oscar started for the corner to catch the electric "A" train that ran in Alameda at that time. Some man riding by in his car hailed Bro. Fontano and said, "Just a moment. I have that dollar for you that I borrowed a year ago." Then added, "Here is fifty cents extra for interest" as he rode away.—Told by Bro. Oscar Fontano Feb. 6, 1949. Sent in by Mildred Morgan.

Local Notes

● Delsa B. Walton of Berkeley Second ward, wife of Owen K. Walton, and chairman of the Albany Board of Education, is adding to her civic contribution by serving as leader in the Red Cross drive for her section. She also is active in PTA work, besides her Church and family duties. The Berkeley Gazette recently carried a fine photo and story of her outstanding community service.

● William R. Fuller, well-known H. P. of Richmond, who recently moved to St. George to spend his days in temple work, died February 17 in Salt Lake City hospital attended by many former localites and his wife, Elise Piklesimer Fuller. He was buried in St. George. Sister Fuller will return to Richmond where she conducts two "hot dog" eating places.

Cabbage Diet Found Aid For Ulcer Victims

The fresh juice for this historic experiment was furnished by the Berkeley Health Food Store, 2311 Shattcuck Avenue.

The plain and plebian cabbage, basic diet of the poor, may with unconscious irony turn out to be a cure for peptic ulcer, admittedly an ailment of the rich.

This fact was revealed recently by Dr. Garnett Cheney, clinical professor of medicine at Stanford University, in the latest number of the magazine, "California Medicine."

QUICK HEALING

Basically, Doctor Cheney found, ulcers treated with cabbage juice heal in an average of nine days, compared with a forty-two day average for standard pap-and-milk ulcer therapy.

Cabbage, according to Doctor Cheney, is richly endowed with an anti-peptic ulcer factor tentatively named Vitamin "U." The discovery of this new vitamin grew out of a series of experiments with guinea pigs. So that man's knowledge of ulcers could be increased, the tiny animals were deliberately given ulcers through the injection of histamines—chemical stimulators of gastric secretion.

chemicals. Said Doctor Cheney: "As the guinea pig studies showed that both fresh whole cabbage leaves and cabbage juice were effective in completely preventing the formation of peptic ulcers in these animals, it seemed justifiable to try treating a series of peptic patients with cabbage juice." He picked 13 patients and fed them on a normal cooked diet (the heat of cooking kills Vitamin "U"), plus at least one liter (about one quart) a day of fresh, uncooked cabbage juice.

As a control group, Doctor Cheney picked an earlier study of 69 ulcer patients. All of them were fed anti-ulcer diet of soft, cooked foods, milk, etc., and a complete absence of stimulants. The quickest cure of this control group was eighteen days, the longest 68 days, the average, 42.

Doctor Cheney pointed out that this same Vitamin "U" is present in a variety of fresh greens and cereal grasses, as well as fresh (non-pasteurized) milk, raw egg yolks and some animal and vegetable fats.

Concluded Doctor Cheney:

"The fact that the anti-peptic ulcer factor is readily destroyed by heat indicates that the preparation of food for human consumption by heating or cooking may completely destroy this factor.

"If this is so, it may become necessary to include certain raw foods in the diet of peptic ulcer patients, not only to promote the healing of ulcers but to prevent the development of lesions in the future.

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Dimond Ward

STELLA S. HOOPES

It is a joy to attend Sunday School and see such a large attendance The Sunday School Superintendency wish to thank the Bishopric in replenishing the Jr. Sunday School School visual aid supplies. They were greatly needed.

The teachers in the Junior Sunday School are doing excellent work in keeping the kiddies' interests in spite of little space. Their enrollment is from seventy-five to eight-five every Sunday.

We are so happy to have Bro. Gerardus Scheuller and his wife, Johanna, from the Dutch Mission. In Sacrament meeting on March 13th, Bro. and Sister Scheuller gave a report of their many experiences on their mission. It was all very interesting.

Sorry to hear about the passing of Dee and Lottie Smith's brother-in-law in Idaho.

Herb and Allen Dorius were among the boys in an orchestra at Oakland High, which won second place in this year's Dads' Club contest.

Louis and Jeanne Boyle are the proud parents of an adorable baby girl, Lorraine. All are happy, especially Granny Thurza Boyle.

Ken Perkins and Dorothy Jane Tuck were married March 19 by Bishop Elmo Smith in the Little Chapel of the Chimes. They spent their honeymoon in Los Angeles. Janie hails from Cincinnati.

Bill Rice has been home on a short furlough. Good to see you, Bill.

The Primary officers and teachers would appreciate any help the mothers can give in enlarging the attendance. Sister Amsbaugh is a new teacher in Primary.

We are sorry it was necessary for Thad Van Noy to leave his mission for reasons of health but are happy to have him back with us. Thad isn't one to give up easily.

The "County Fair" was a great success. The Relief Society thank you for your cooperation. The Relief Society gave a testimonial for Grace Jackson and Ada Miller. A luncheon was served and a gift was presented to each for their good work.

Sorry to hear about Sister Allstrom's illness. We sincerely hope she will soon be back with us.

The Stake Gold and Green Ball had something new added and very good, too. Thanks to our very own Sally Lund and Bill Powell and their committee for a successful evening.

Our Mormon Male Chorus gave an outstanding program at Oakland Ward. They were presented by the Maxwell Park Ward. Proceeds from the concert were added to their building fund. Nine Dimond Ward members are singing with this fine group. We hope to hear them often.

The last Mutual in March was well spent. The Junior girls, under the direction of Lee Ashby, put on a one-act play entitled "My Cousin from Sweden." Those who took part in the play were: Arline Daybell, Jeannine Clark, Pat Hilton, Gerry Wadleigh, Kattie Mason, Suzanne Poulton and Elinore Goodsell. The play was excellent, girls; how about another one?

Maxwell Pk. Ward

MARJORIE HAWKINS KE. 3-3864.

We wish to thank Director Robert Sant and the members of the Mormon Male Chorus who so graciously gave of their time and talents in the grand concert in behalf of our Building Fund last month. Everyone who attended was thrilled. We have another treat in store for you on April 13, 1949, the Chansonette Choire, led by Darrel Monson, will present a concert, again in behalf of our Building Fund. This also will be given at the Oakland Ward Chapel. Please, come out and support us. Bring your family and friends for a real musical treat.

During the past month a Boy Scout troop has been organized. Brother Earle S. Larsen has been released from his Stake Scout work to take over Troop No. 4, which we believe will now prove to be the best troop in the Stake. Their meetings are held at the Horace Mann Grammar School each Wednesday night. We invite all boys of scout age to attend these meetings and have fun.

We were highly honored in having as a Sunday evening speaker last month, Bro. Thornton, father of Josephine Sveico. Brother Thornton and his wife recently returned from missions to England. He told of many wonderfu experiences while there. He and his wife are leaving to go on another mission to England in the near future. We indeed wish them "Godspeed", a safe, happy journey, and fruitful labors.

Maxwell Park ward was honored to have Norma Williams chosen as the Stake Green and Gold Ball Queen. Norma proved to be a lovely queen, and is a lovely girl, very active in all ward and stake events, and is attending the University of California at the present time. Congratulations, Norma. She is the daughter of Clarence and Lucille Williams. Lucille is the President of the Young Ladies' Mutual, and is doing a wonderful work in this capacity.

We were all very thrilled and happy to see George and Jean Sweeten, and their new little daughter, Barbara Jean, who have been visiting Jean's parents, Brother and Sister John O. Krage.

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Queen Marjorie Wood being crowned queen at the Gold and Green Ball, Claremont ward, held at Codornices Park Clubhouse, Berkeley, March 11, 1949. Left to right: Attendant Julia Ellsworth, Queen Marjorie Wood, Attendant June Harmon (sorry, hidden), and Bishop A. S. Millward, placing crown on head of Queen.—Photo by E. J. Ahborn.

Do You Read Your Scriptures?

FERN MOSIER, Martinez.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me, St. John 5:39. Seek knowledge, by all means, but let God be your school mate, or else you will be "ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth"—2 Timothy 3:1-7.)

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BIBLE

1 Peter 1:18-20: Foreordained before foundation of the world.

St. John 17:4-5: Christ with Father before world was.

Genesis 2:4-5: All things created before mortal existence.

Eccl. 12:7: Spirit shall RETURN unto God who gave it.

Jer. 1:4-5: Jer. 1:14-5: Jeremiah appointed to mission before birth.

Heb. 12:9: God, the Father of all spirits.

LATTER-DAY SCRIPTURES

2 Nephi 11:2-3: Nephi and Jacob see Savior (over 500 B. C.).

3 Nephi 9:15: Christ with Father in beginning.

Ether Chap. 3: Brother of Jared sees Savior (over 2000 B. C.)

D & C 93:21-23, 29: Man in beginning with God. Intelligence eternal.

P. G. P. Moses 3:4-7: All things created spiritually first.

P. G. P. Abrm. 3:22-23: Abraham shown vision of pre-mortal world.

P. G. P. Abrm. 5:24-26: Those who kept first estate (pre-mortal life) added upon.

Claremont Ward

MRS. GRACE MILLWARD.

Gladys Hayashi has returned home after several months in Provo, Utah, attending the BYU. We are happy to see you again, Gladys; we have missed you and wish to say, "Welcome home again."

March the 11th was a great day, the Claremont Green and Gold Ball. Miss Marjorie Wood was not only crowned Queen of the Ball but as a pleasant surprise, announced her engagement to Lewis Skancky. It was an ideal setting for such an occasion and added much excitement and sentiment to the party.

April 2, a Welcome Home party was held in the Berkeley Recreation hall for Keith Gaisford who has recently returned from the French Mission. It is a pleasure to have Keith, a handsome experienced missionary, home again to become active in our Ward. He brings with him Miss Margarette Gibson whom we all remember for being very active in Claremont in 1947-48, and for her musical talent. We hope to see Keith and Margarette often.

Shirley Woodcock is wearing a gorgeous diamond ring on her left hand. Congratulations to Dave Gaisford.

May Kingston, hospitalized for several weeks, is now improving. Dale Gleason is home again from the hospital less an appendix. Daryl Dangerfield is recovering from a nose operation.

Those attending April Conference from Claremont Ward are Arthur Burdett and Annetta Wood.

The following members are going on the Easter Temple Excursion to the Mesa Temple: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers, Elbert Gleason, Nancy Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hatt, Nanette Millward, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kelly, Elizabeth Burdett, and John Hangartner.

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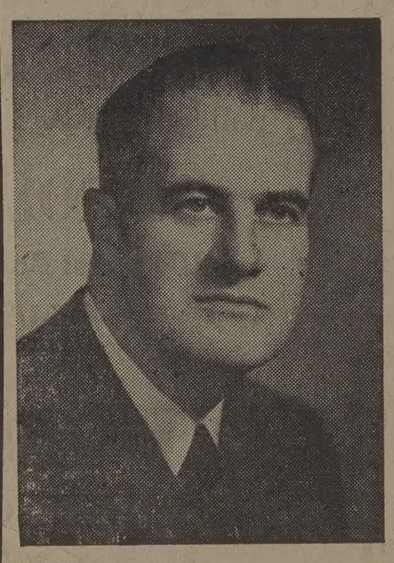

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Martinez Ward

FERN MOSIER—Phone 2025-J.

Bishop Wayne F. McIntire spoke to his congregation on Sunday evening, March 27, relating his experiences on his trip to Chicago and delivering a message on subject Faith. He brought forth the thought that each individual should try to acquire faith in his fellowman, regardless of circumstances surrounding the issue, and faith in the Lord and in all truth. We hope to have a message from our Bishop often.

Florence Robison was released and Bertha (Hattie) Vom Dorp was called to replace Sister Robison, as Councilor to the Fireside group of young people.

Audrey Easton has just returned from a visit with her daughter, Pat Puckett, and husband of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gordon Barney and family are enjoying a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Barney from Delta, Utah.

Mrs. Maria (Grandma) Easton enjoyed a birthday dinner party with her family, Sunday, March 27, her 80th birthday anniversary being March 28.

The folk dancing class, directed by Art and Afton Harvey, of Vallejo, has been having a fine turnout.

The Primary Conference will be held May 8 at 7 p.m.

The Relief Society Food Sale has been postponed until April 23 at Laird's in La Salle's Shopping Center. The proceeds are for a new sewing machine.

Cngratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ray on the arrival of twin daughters, March 3rd, named Darlene Elizabeth and Diana Emilie.

BOYS SCOUTS

LDS Troop No. 188 renewed its charter with the registration of ten boys into the Scouting program.

There are tentative plans for an anniversary dinner and father and son gathering, in conjunction with a Court of Honor. Advancements to Life, first class and second class are to be made. The new Assistant Scout Master registered with the Troop is James Busby.

LE GRAND P. COOK

LeGrand P. Cook was born at Syracuse, Utah, in 1915, the son of Jesse L. and Nellie Provost Cook. He graduated from the schools there and the Barnes LDS Seminary, and for a short time engaged in general farming.

He came to California in 1935 and soon found employment with an oil company in Martinez, where he is now a supervisor in their refinery laboratory.

In 1937 he married Lauretta Felt of Ogden, Utah, and they have two daughters, Jean and Shirley and a son, Darrell.

He has long been active in the Ward. He has served as secretary of the Sunday School; three years as ward clerk, three years as Bishop's counselor; a short-time in the Superintendency of the Sunday School and YMMIA; and is now serving as ward financial clerk and chairman of the ward finance committee.

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Food For Thot

By HENRY F. GORDON.

In the Improvement Era for December, 1948, in the column "Exploring the Universe" by Dr. Franklin S. Harris, Jr., this appeared: "Among modern Maya of Yucatan more than half are entirely free from dental decay in their permanent teeth until after they are twenty. Among white Americans, more than half have dental decay in their permanent teeth before they are nine and more than ninety per cent before they are fourteen. Another interesting difference, Dr. S. G. Morley reports, is an average pulse rate of 52 compared with our average of 72 beats per minute."

In the book, "Applied Nutrition," by Harold F. Hawkins, D. D. S., former associate Professor of Bacteriology and Preventive Dentistry, University of Southern California, on page four, this statement is made: "It has been known for some time that a high starch diet, principally of refined cereal starch, is a liability; also a high candy or sugar intake is conclusive to dental decay."

One of the principal causative factors is refined white sugar as pointed out by Dr. Hawkins. This truth is common knowledge among nutritionists.

The Latter-day Saint people have been given a code of living which in plain English promises them complete health provided they abide by a few simple rules of sane living. We wonder how a 90 per cent incident of dental decay in children before they reach the age of 14 can be justified with the promises given.

With reference to the difference in the rate of heart beats, it is also of interest that heart failure and diseases of the circulatory system are our biggest killers. In this respect Utah ranks near the top. Experiments being conducted at a large mid-western University indicate that refined starches from which the Vitamin B complex and E have been removed are a contributing factor in death from heart failure. From personal observation, we know that the Latter-day Saints' consumption of refined white flour and cereals is high and therefore may we say that considering the promises which have been given, and the end-product obtained, the reasoning process condoning this type of diet is beyond our comprehension.—Intermt. News.

This basketball team from Claremont ward won the stake basketball trophy, and represented the bay area at the district 12 contests at Sacramento at the time Gridley won the right to go to the finals at Salt Lake City.

Left to right: Robert Burdett, Louis Skankey, Sidney Feller, stake M men basketball leader, Scott Bybee, Raryl Dangerfield (receiving trophy), Doug Harmon, Richard Nalder, John Norland and Cliff Perry. Coach "Doc" Kingston was unable to attend.—Photo by A. J. Ahborn.

Alameda Ward

GAYLEEN CLAYSON

The Chansonnette Choir, under Darrell Monson presented a very lovely program March 16 for the Alameda building fund.——Frank Tuttle passed away March 19. Sympathy is extended.

Proud parents of a 8 pound 11 ounce baby girl, Lou Ree Ganel Larson are Patty Lou and Harold Larson. Patty, formerly of Alameda, now resides in Tracy.

If you want to meet in the Alameda chapel, then please, people of Alameda ward, make your contributions and buy a seat or two. Let's not leave it up to the bishopric.

Looking for good reading? Well, anyway, you should subscribe for the fine Improvement Era. It's the best you can buy for any family. Take it and then read it, and pass it around. See the McKinleys and Sue Seavers. Don't miss this opportunity.

Alameda ward continues to expand. New ones confirmed in March are: June Long, Bobbie Cobb, Adeline Schow, and Ronald Miller

We were happy to see visiting us Betty Jo and Irving Campbell, and Lyle Wynn, who was stationed here during the war, and was so active with us then.

Elaine Hughes Parry is visiting her family. She was active here until her marriage and removal to Nampa, Idaho, where she now is active.

The Wm. Hendeshotts, now of Harmony Hills, report a new baby girl, Glendene, their fourth daughter. They report, "doing fine." Bill has a new job now with Harry Rhoades Appliance Store, Salinas, Calif.

Brentwood Ward

IVY BRECK

The first Sunday in March brought a special treat to Brentwood when presidents Harmon, Ranker and Hayhew visited our Branch, bringing encouragement and strong testimonies and asking us if we felt ready to become an independent Branch. Except for regret at being separated from the fine Pittsburg group, the feeling for an independent branch was unanimous.

Consequently, on March 27, LeRoy Geddes was set apart as president with Floyd Pedderson and Lester Schofield as counselors, and Wm. Priestly as clerk.

Now Presidents Geddes and Pedderson and their wives, Bernice and Bonnie Gene, are thrilled at the prospect of going to General Conference in Salt Lake City. Donna Clark planned to go with them but she sprained an ankle while on a snow frolic at Long Barn with the Mutual group of 25, on March 26.

March 26 also saw an all-day fishing trip and picnic lunch with plenty of sports, enjoyed by the Scouts and Beehive girls on McDonald Island. The total catch was seventeen which later furnished the makings of a fish fry and games in Floyd Pedderson's back yard.

We enjoyed having Donald Cochran and his friend with us at Mutual. His boat, the U. S. S. President Hayes was docked at Stockton.

An inspirational thought for the month is from Proverbs 5:4-10: "Let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; forsake her not and she will preserve thee, love her and she shall keep thee. Get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding."

Richmond Ward

BETTY BOURNE

The ward members express sympathy at this time to Brother and Sister Vern Ellis whose infant daughter died March 1. Also with the family of Judson Stoddard who passed away March 23. He had been very active in genealogical work in the ward and had also served as counselor to Bishop Morley. Brother Stoddard was buried in Idaho.

Bishop Wightman and wife attended the General conference in Salt Lake City. Herbert Newton has been hospitalized at Letterman hospital in San Francisco. We pray for his speedy recveory.

Algie Gifford was a lovely queen of our Gold and Green Ball, March 25. Special Easter services have been planned for both the regular and the Junior Sunday School, April 17.

The Relief Society has changed the time of meeting from 1:30 to 2 p.m., each Wednesday.

The Primary Conference, which is always a highly anticipated event will be held the first Sunday in May.

Harold Babcock and wife have moved to San Bernaadine. We wish to thank them for the active and dependable work while in our midst.

Mormon Chorus

(Continued from page one)

Salutation of the Dawn, Mosquitoes and I Got Plenty of Nothing, to name a partial list.

Two basso solos by Afton Stout and two tenor solos by Leslie Heath, both chorus members ,were most thunderously applauded.

It is understood that the manager of KLX, who was an enthusiastic auditor of the chorus, has offered the facilities of that station to the chorus, but no decision has been reached by the chorus

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Berk. Stake News

By ANNA PATTON.

Berkeley Stake Fathers' and Sons' Outing

The Berkeley stake Fathers' and Sons' Outing will be held Saturday, April 25 at Indian Camp in Tilden Park starting at 1:30. Come! Sports events for Dads and Boys, picnic dinner, evening camp fire with heap hot fire, communitelling.
ty singing, skits, stunts and story

The High Priests and Aaronic Priesthood Committees are assisting and have interesting plans for the day. All fathers and sons are invited.

Berkeley Stake Calendar For April

April 2—Special Interest Party at Vallejo.

April 9—Genealogical Excursion to Mesa Temple leaves Berkeley Chapel at 1:30 p.m., on chartered bus.

April 9—Junior Girl and Mothers Yea-Home of President and Mrs. Ranker, Lafayette.

April 10—M. I. A. Leadership Meeting, Berkeley chapel, 2:30 p. m.

April 16—Mesa Temple Excursionists return to Berkeley, in a chartered bus.

April 23—Stake Fathers' and Sons Outing, Indian Camp, Tilden Park.

April 29—Gold and Green Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.
Berkeley chapel.

April 30—Beehive Swan Day,

M Men and Gleaners Banquet a Success

The annual M Men and Gleaners banquet March 19 was enjoyed by Marjorie Wood jointly emceed over 150 persons. Bud Stone and and excellent program. Decorations beautifully featured St. Patrick's Day theme. Special thanks to the omthers of the Gleaner girls for the delicious banquet.

Berkeley Stake Relief Society

President Vera Mayhew and the board wish to extend thanks and congratulations to all the wards for outstanding celebrations of our R. S. birthday of March 17. The Sunday evenings were of March 6 were splendid.

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By KATIE HUNT.

When Alameda ward was a branch of the Church, Sister Katie Hunt was the first Relief Society president. On February 6, 1949, she told the following story from her life.

"I was not a member of the Latter-day Saints' Church until after I was the mother of three sons, although my husband was a member. We lived at Ogden, Utah, when Claire, my youngest, became very ill and was taken to the Ogden hospital. Uncle John Hunt, my husband's brother, was a very faithful man and when he saw little Claire's dying condition he said he would like to administer to him. We wished that too if it would save our baby.

"John left to get another elder. He asked several men who were passing the hospital but to no avail and he was still looking and waiting when a young man came toward him from the street caar. Bro. oJhn asked him if he were an elder. He answered, 'Yes, I am returning from a mission in Germany. Just now I was told to get off the train on which I was riding to Salt Lake and to go to the Ogden hospital. I was not told by any person but by the Holy Spirit, that prompts us from time to time.'

"Little Claire was blessed by the two elders and was healed." Sister Hunt and her three sons joined the Church; her faith has never waivered and she has learned the joy that comes in service to others. —Sent in by Mildred P. Morgan.

Napa Again 100 Per Cent In Ward Teaching

You never saw a more beautiful record than the 100 per cent ward teaching report of the Napa ward for March. Every name of a teacher has 100 per cent after the name on this clean report; every one of the three supervisors, Brynat Knowlton, Henry Peterson and Delmar Fowles, has 100 per cent after his name and at the bottom of the list of these perfect scores is this line:

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Elmhurst Ward

RAELLEN REYNOLDS

A new schedule has been prepared by the Bishoprics of San Leandro and Elmhurst wards. In order that San Leandro ward may meet earlier. Testimony meeting for Elmhurst is held at 9:00 a. m., and at 10:00 Sunday School starts. San Leandro is thereby meeting in the chapel while Elmhurst is in classes. So far this arrangment has worked satisfactorily.

Hearty votes of thanks were given to Barbara (Era Director)and Shirley Koverick (MIA secretary) Sunday, March 6, who were given releases. Barbara Stock was made secretary of the mutual. —— Sister Bertha Wilson now teaches the Advanced Junior class in Sunday School.

Saturday, March 5, the Pacific Bowling Alley found the Fireside enjoying themselves—about 16 strong.

Cupid's arrow has struck another couple in Elmhurst. Barbara Stock and Gene Higdon. The date hasn't been set as yet, but we wish them the best of everything.

Cupid appeared in the set around December '47 for Barbara Elmer and Jim McFarland; then Jim left soon for the Palestine-Syrian Mission and Barbara has been a "Missionary Widow" ever since. Now she and her folks are moving to Utah. Shirley Koverick gave a "surprise" bridal shower for her; 28 ladies attended and had a gay time. Elmhurst wishes Barbara the best of luck and wants her to know we'll miss her.

Tuesday, March 8, the Mutual recorded greetings to all of our missionaries. The "Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning," was the "theme song" for all the records. It was fun; it seemed as if we were talking to the missionaries face to face.

Those who don't come to MIA are really missing a wonderful time.

All the youth of Elmhurst were guests at a dinner on March 18. Awards were given to the Girls' Committee and the Priesthood. The bishopric served a delicious ham dinner. Gifts were given to Violet Smith and Marie Thomas, the girls' committee advisors, who are moving away. The Smith family moved to Los Altos and the Thomas family to Utah.

The Fireside presented the program in Sacrament meeting Sunday, March 27. Talks were given by Glria Jacobs, Dan Gashler, Raellen Reynolds and Pete Brown. The meeting was in charge of President Doris Jacobs. Naomi Sparks played a piano solo and Shirley Koverick, Barbara Elmer, Jean Dutson and Raellen Reynolds sang, "Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd." The guest speaker was Phil Humphries of Dimond ward spoke on his recent mission to the Tahitian Islands.

There are quite a few "nuts" around Elmhurst now that Fern Nelson is putting on "Nuts and Bolts," April 15. Make this "nutty" play a "must" on your list.

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For Better, Or...!

I was there in body at least, but my mind was twenty years away—twenty years back in history. Yes, I heard that prayer over the sacramental bread—a beautiful prayer; the young man spoke it well. But I was listening to another young man speak that same prayer on another Sunday, long ago.

He had also spoken it well and I though then that he and I both felt it inwardly when I next gave the prayer on the water. Now I am wondering how much either of us felt what we spoke. Of course, we were young; both of early high school age. He was perfect, I thought. We both were happy and busy in the ward, what with mutual and Sunday School and Sunday night meetings, topped with a couple of hours with the crowd at some home afterwards.

I never will forget the fervent words he would speak at testimony meetings. I was too timid, then. He wasn't bold; just natural. He felt what he said and I knew he felt it. He became my ideal. But he's not at any sacrament meeting anywhere tonight. He no longer attends a testimony meeting anywhere. Yet I felt something genuine in those days as we spoke those prayers; I am sure that we liked to do it.

The authorities often praised "the boys"—us boys, for our help in the ward in a number of ways. So did our folks at home. Now he is somewhere else every Sunday. So are his children.

When we completed our high school studies he was soon busy at a business college learning bookkeeping and such things. Soon they had a fine opening for him. He was sitting pretty. It was a large concern with business in many towns. I guess it was about two years later when they offered him the management of the branch. We said sad farewells. His work took him to a mining town and far away.

The pay was attractive; the prospects flattering. Of course, it meant Sunday work—the business was that kind. He had been asked to be MIA president in our ward, and we had all hoped he would accept, but now he had a real opportunity — Manager! I know I was sorry when he left us. I could not help feeling peculiar, the choice came that way —stay and be president of the Mutual, or go where there was no church and be a budding manager.

We didn't see him again for over a year, then he came. Happy? Yes, beaming; and proseprous! His clothes and manner showed it, but those yellow stains on the finger, they hurt me, but I couldn't say a word; he was still a good deal of my ideal. He didn't stay with us over Sunday, he had to get back to work.

He married a good girl and they have raised some fine boys, but none of them will ever speak a sacramental prayer. They have grown up differently—not in the church, no Sunday school.

And so I say I am here listening to those young men speak the prayers over the symbolic bread and wine . . . "in remembrance of his body and his blood." I am wondering — and hoping — and praying that they feel and will always feel what those dear words mean.—I.B.B.

How to Quit Smoking

Dr. Wm. Brady in Berkeley Gazette.

I formerly recommended to persons who wanted to break the smoking habit, rinsing the mouth and gargling night and morning with a solution of 30 grains of silver nitrate in a pint of distilled water—using a mouthful each time and spitting it out, but not in the sink or toilet basin unless you are careful to wash it away with running water—otherwise it may leave a dark stain and you will threaten all kinds of actions against me for damages. I no longer recommend this — if you use it you do so at your own peril. It makes a smoke taste bad, that's all.

I still recommend apples—eat a raw apple each night at bedtime and at breakfast each morning, and a baked apple or some apple sauce at lunch and dinner.

Keep some candy handy and nibble a piece in lieu of a smoke when the craving comes on.

Avoid the company of smoking hogs.

Carry always with you a supply of plain wheat, and chew it in preference to gum—besides being good chewing, wheat supplies you with what every smoker or drinker needs—vitamin B complex—although, of course, you can't get all the B complex you need just by chewing wheat. You could get all you need if you ate real whole wheat bread, cake, etc., instead of cheat food made of refined white flour.

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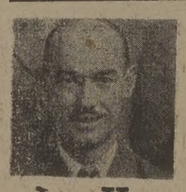

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A Lesson From Ancient America

Dr. Emery Ranker, speaking at the Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference February 13, 1949, presented two extremes of national life in ancient America as recorded in The Book of Mormon. From this history of these ancient Americans he drew a lesson for the nations of the earth, and particularly for our beloved America of today and tomorrow.

The one extreme presented was the condition of these ancient peoples, the Lamanites and Nephites at peace for 200 years following sublime personal ministry of the Resurrected Lord among them whereby He established His Gospel, His Church, His Priesthood, and His Authority in their midst as recorded in Fourth Nephi: "And there were great and marvelous works wrought by the diciples of Jesus, and in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus. And the Lord did prosper them exceedingly in the land . . . according to the multitude of the promises which the Lord had made unto them. And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, BECAUSE OF THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH DID DWELL IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE. There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of —ites; but they were in one. . . And how blessed were they for the Lord did bless them in all their doings. . . . And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lying, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people created by the hand of God."

These early Americans arrived at this blessed state thrugh a process of humility and love, a process of faith, repentance and obedience. The result was unity and peace, "because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people."

The other extreme presented was of these same early Americans in the process of degradation and destruction. During their 200 years of peace and unity these people had multiplied, had "spread upon all the face of the land," and had become "exceeding rich. "And now, in this two hundred and first year there began to be those who were lifted up in pride. . . . and they began to be divided into classes, and they began to build up churches unto themselves to get gain, and began to deny the true church of Christ . . . yea there were many churches which professed to know The Christ, yet they did deny the more parts of His Gospel . . . And thus they did dwindle in unbelief and wickedness, from year to year, even until two hundred and thirty years had passed away." At this time "there was a great division among the people" into Nephites and Lamanites again so "that when three hundred years had passed away, both the people of Nephi and the Lamanites had become exceeding wicked one like unto another." From Chapters 1 and 2 of The Book of Mormon we learn further that "wars began to be among them", and "wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land . . . and there were no gifts from the Lord, and the Holy Ghost did not come upon any, because of their wickedness and unbelief . . . and the power of the evil one was wrought upon all the face of the land." There was "great distruction . . . they did not repent of their evil doings; therefore there was blood and carnage . . . and it was one complete revolution throughout all the face land . . . There was mourning and lamentation in all the land because of these things" but "their sorrowing was not unto repentance; . . . but it was rather the sorrowing of the damned . . . they did curse God, and wish to die. Nevertheless they would struggle with the sword for their lives." They found neither peace, repentance, nor forgivness, and their destruction continued to complete annihilation of the Nephites "like unto the Jaredites because of their hearts, seeking for blood and revenge" (Moroni 9:23).

These ancient Americans arrived at this state of degradation and destruction by a process that began with the abuse of their blessings of prosperity and riches, whereby pride, selfishness, and criticism developed; this in turn led to confusion, distrust, disunity, hatred and continuous war. At this stage of the process the Lord withdrew His guiding hand and they lost the ability to make peace and the ability to repent. Whether it be an individual, a people, or a nation that follows this process, the end result is destruction.

One may ask: where does the world and the nations of the world stand today as to their place in this process? Where do we modern Americans stand today? Have we lost the ability to make peace? Have we lost the ability to repent? Each nation seems to be driven by fear and distrust. There are plenty of ideas and much talk but little certainty or assurance, little unity or order, and no peace.

And what of modern America? Is ours a house of order? Are we free of confusion? America has assumed a position of world leadership. Have we learned to control within our own borders, the problems that demand solution thru our leadership? Can we lead in safety if we have not followed in truth and obedience?

In our nation there is a great urge to try the new; to discard the old by which we grew strong. The ruggedness of the pioneers has changed to a desire and a demand to get something for nothing and let the other fellow pay for it. We have developed an active conviction that we have but to pass laws to get a better world. In 1947 a total of 4291, and in 1948 a total of 4939 bills were introduced to become new laws in the California State Legislature. If this were duplicated in all the other states it would add up to well over 200,000 such proposed laws for one year in the 48 states of our nation. In 1948, in the Congress of the United States, there were introduced in the first session 4099 bills, and in the second sesson 7970 new bills, making a total of 12,069 proposed new laws for that one year. In 1932, 1933 and 1934 many more such new laws were proposed. Are we confused? Have forgotten the simple truth that we cannot legislate ourselves into joy, happiness, security, honesty, virtue, peace, morality, peace of mind, or unity?

These are spiritual values and we can obtain them only through obedience to spiritual truth. We struggle and strain at our problems by all manner of devious, intricate, involved, expensive, and inadequate ways, ignoring all the while the simple, direct, obvious methods of solution we need and want. Moses spent 40 days on a mountain top with God and came down with 10 laws written on a tablet of stone; these have never been equaled, recognized, nor obeyed by any nation.

Legislation cannot create a better world. A better world can be created only by better people living better daily lives in more obedience to spiritual truths. The nations of this world are on their knees; not in prayer, but in the attitude of fear, frustration, and confusion. We have become industrial, scientific, mental, and military giants — and spiritual morons.

In the past, all nations who have developed to world leadership have failed or the world would not be in the condition it is today. They have failed for the same reasons that they failed in ancient America: "Because of the love of God that did (not) dwell in the hearts of the people."

Now it is modern America's turn to assume world leadership. Will we succeed? Ultimately, yes. but not by the type of leadership that pushes over 12,000 proposed new laws through our federal "Grist Mill." Not by a leadership that bows to special groups, interests, and sections. Not by the professional politician who is taught by the world, whose policies are those of convenience and opportunity, and whose greatest concern is to return to office. This nation and this world can be saved from destruction by obedience to the only leadership this world has never tried and little knows—the leadership of Jesus the Christ, the leadership of His ordained agents. It can be saved only by those who live His Gospel, obey His Laws, those who are sustained by His authority and guided by His inspiration. It can be saved by those who respond to no other force than that of righteous principles; by men and women who cannot be bought or sold, who know not greed or selfishnes, who seek no personal gain or favor, who are activated by a desire to serve their fellowmen, who have learned that "obedience is better than sacrifice and to harken than the fat of rams."

From where is such leadership to come? It can come, obviously, only from where truth exists, only from where truth is lived in the hearts and souls of those who lead and those who follow. Truth is lived only where the love of God dwells in the hearts of the people, and the supreme test of true leadership is to be as you want those who follow to become.

New Fairfield Branch Presidency

The Fairfield branch, heretofore dependent upon Napa ward, was made an independent branch of the Berkeley stake, Sunday, Mar. 20, 1949, by the stake presidency. The former presidency was released with a vote of thanks. The new presidency is shown in the picture, left to right: upper, James A. Blaisdell, first counselor, Orlin I. Oliver, president; lower, George B. Herron, clerk, and H. Grant Bleazard, second counselor.

Cheerfulness and contentment are great beautifiers, and are famous preservers of youthful looks.

San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

The San Leandro Ward is officially two years old. The birthday party held March 4, was an enjoyable evening for all. In rhyme and song, the Bishopric expressed thanks to the members of the Ward for their cooperation and each organization furnished its share of entertainment.

A great deal has been accmplished during our first two years and plans are under way for a bigger and better future.

All who actively engage in church work realize that no greater and lasting joy can be had than in the service of the Lord. There is a place for everyone, and your Ward needs you.

Through the combined efforts of Brother Grant Gay, Scout Leader; Sister Viola Gay, who heads the Girls' Committee; Brother Andrew Hunt, Deacon Advisor; as well as several others, the young people of the Ward are swimming, rollerskating, and having fun together in various social activities. Each Thursday evening Sister Gay instructs the young people at her home in social dancing, which they seem to appreciate greatly.

Our Ward progressive dinners, to benefit the Stake welfare plan, are about to get under way. Invitations will be printed for the use of the host and hostess. We hope each family will take the opportunity to attend one of these parties, as well as avail themselves of the privilege of entertaining in their wn home. Besides getting to know our Ward members better, this idea will provide many enjoyable evenings.

We are very sorry to lose Dr. and Sister Le Grande Larsen and family from our Ward. We have enjoyed knowing them and extend the best wishes to them in their new home at Ashton, Idaho.

General Church Activities, Changes

(Culled from the wonderful Church News which every home could well enjoy.)

● Latest Church reports show that there is in the Church today 172 high priests' quorums—one in each stake—334 quorums of Seventy, an average of about two in each stake, and a total of 1021 elders' quorums, or an average of about six in each stake. In addition to this there are eight organized quorums in the Church missions. At the present time quorums are engaged in approximately 3000 Welfare projects, an average of about 17 in each stake. In the Church there are about 27,000 high priests, 17,000 Seventies, and 72,000 elders, or a total of Melchizdek members of about 118,000.

● The "Chanson Singers," 20 Salt Lake City girls representing twelve wards have performed in all of Utah's leading cities, over the leading radio stations, and at numberless farewells and ward building fund concerts, etc. "We believe that the Gospel can be taught in song as well as by word" is their motto.

● San Bernadino stake president Joel G. Sedgwick was recently given a testimonial reception by all eleven wards of the stake as he retired from office. Vern R. Peel, one o fhis counselors, takes his place as president. Similarly in South Los Angeles a testimonial was given in honor of retiring take president, John M. Iversen. The new president is W. Noble Waite, formerly first counselor.

Fairfield News

MAXINE CAMPBELL

Fairfield (Independent) branch was represented at the Salt Lake City Conference by President O. I. Oliver, Relief Society Pres. Dorothy Blaisdell and Primary President Marie Pinkerton. We expect to receive full and complete conference reports from these members.

Add the name of Gene Millward to our membership roll. Gene, a GI, stationed at the Fairfield-Suisun Air Force Base, hails from Idaho, but he learned from his father that he has relatives living in the Oakland area.

"The Mutual Buttons and Bows" dance, scheduled for Friday night, April 8, should be one gala affair. Members of the entertainment committee have worked out a unique decorating theme.

Sister Vera Mitchell sends greetings to her Claremont ward friends. A newcomer to Fairfield, Sister Mitchel has been found a ready and willing worker in Church departments. President Blaisdell has chosen her as second counselor in Relief Society; Sister LaVaun Allen is first counselor.

Approximately 40 members and friends from Fairfield branch attended the Green and Gold Ball held jointly with Napa, at Napa. Kathy Campbell, 18-year old daughter of Bro. and Sister Ray Campbell was the Fairfield queen. Her attendants and their escorts were: Helen Allen, Dorothy Pinkerton, Gene Millward, James Buck and Bob Owen. The sextet danced the Gleaner Waltz following the coronation ceremony. Kathy shared honors with Peggy Wilson, queen from Napa.

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"Cast Thy Bread Upon The Waters"

(Continued from page one)
and a little money was put aside to finance Catherine's trip east when the happy day arrived. Finally Samuel was released. His wife had made plans to join him. The needed money had been saved. She was very happy. So happy that she had to share her happiness with someone else. With whom could she share this happiness better than with President Young, prophet of God? She called on President Young and briefly told him the plans she had made. He listened attentively, reflected for a moment or two, then said:

"How much is this trip going to cost you?"

She answered, "$300."

"Have you the money?"

"Yes, President Young, I have saved every cent of it."

The prophet reflected again for several minutes, then turning to her he said,

"Catherine, give the money to the poor and stay home."

Catherine's heart was broken, but **her faith in the prophet of God held.** She gave the $300 to the poor.

Last November I attended the Taylor stake conference in Canada. About 800 members gathered in the beautiful ward and stake house at Raymond. The opening prayer of the first session was offered by the stake patriarch. It was a most beautiful and inspiring prayer and seemed to bring into the meeting a sweet and peaceful spirit that penetrated every heart.

Sister Fanny Walker, wife of the stake president, had told me about the stake patriarch; his kindness, his generosity, his faith and his love, and of the righteous influence he was exercising among the young people of the stake. After the prayer was finished and I opened my eyes, I saw in the congregation a number of the patriarch's kinsfolk. Among them, his son, a happy young man with a fascinating personality. He sat with other members of the stake high council, of which he was a member. Others of the patriarch's kindred were in the conference, including another patriarch. They were devoted, Latter-day Saints, and were helping to establish Zion. The patriarch and his kinsmen were part of the posterity of the girl, Catherine. As I looked into their faces and felt the sweet love which eminated from a burning testimony of the gospel, I knew that if Catherine, from her heavenly home, were looking upon these men and women, these boys and girls, as I was, her eyes would have been moistened with the tears of happiness, her spirit would have been filled with joy, and her heart would have been full of gratitude to the Lord that He had given her faith to listen to the prophet of God and that the faith which was in her heart had been handed down by her to her children and her children's children and their posterity forever.

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an exhaust box, steam operated, that can remove the air from the cans and food at the rate of 25 cans per minute, steam cookers, blanching tank, cooling tank, and automatic controls; recording thermometers and necessary equipment to lift and move all heavy loads of canned foods. The steam is supplied by a gas-fired 35-horsepower boiler.

A class "A" church cannery must have an individual, licensed by the state, to act as inspector. Also, there must be a retort operator who has a permit issued by the state. These two people must take state examinations before they can be certified.

Last spring, 1948, Berkeley stake qualified seven brothers and sisters to serve as inspectors or retort operators. They completed the cannery school given by the state at Hayward, California. Bishop Wallace J. Wightman, Delbert H. Carman, Essie M. Carman, Alvin Hopkins, Alice Hopkins of Richmond ward, and Ellen Haddock and Vera Nielson of East Richmond ward were the seven who qualified at that time.

During March 16, 18 and 19 of this year (1949) Bro. Campbell conducted a short school at Oakland and Palo Alto which was attended by representatives from Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco and Palo Alto stakes.

During the periods of time when the cannery is not used to fill the welfare budget, the members of Berkeley stake may do group canning.

Recent Funerals In Berkeley And Richmond

February and March have seen the passing of some of the most beloved members of the two Berkeley wards and Richmond ward. Five beautiful funeral services of touching music, kind remarks and abundant sympathy have marked these departures of loved ones.

The Messenger wishes to express the sympathy of all the members of the stake in the sad bereavements that have come to our fellow members. We refer specifically to the funerals of Gertrude A. Cardwell, wife of Alfred E. H. Cardwell of Berkeley First ward; Nettie Dewsnup, wife of Claude Dewsnup of Berkeley Second ward; George E. Russell, husband of Emma Dalton Russell of Berkeley First ward; Arthur H. Sconberg husband of Nellie K. Sconberg of Berkeley Second ward; and of Judson H. Stoddard of Richmond ward, where he served as president of the ward genealogical committee.

Much could be said to extol the virtues of these departed ones, but the funeral services bore this witness to one and all. We pray that the blessings of heaven may ever be felt close to those who are left to mourn the loss of companions and parents and dear friends.

'Brother Jonathan'

Photo by Piercey.

At the Liahona club dinner in February, 1949, this man impressed me as socially very free, friendly and affable and all that. But above all these qualities there stood out the physical buoyancy and well-being of the man, showing in the happiness of the full-moon smile that lighted his round face. And then there was the clearness of his skin together with a barrell chest and strong neck which gave the impression of an athlete of great power and in the pink of condition.

When he spoke it was to the introductory title of "Brother Jonathan," one of the world's greatest wrestlers and physical conditioners of men. In words of plainness, sincerity and deep conviction he smilingly told a simple story of being born in Kanab, Utah, in 1904 of a father who spent 28 years of his life in the stake presidency of that stake of Zion as counselor and then president, and of a grandfather who raised 15 sons and 13 daughters.

He told of himself being crushed at the age of seven by having a horse fall upon his chest and break every rib on the left side and his collar bone for good measure; of his invalid youth of struggle and prayer for relief; of his constant questioning of the visiting authorities for counsel on living the Word of Wisdom and what else he could do; of a recurrent dream wherein he saw himself sucking in and exhaling great quantities of air which inflated his chest at the cost of great pain at first; and eventually of complete normalcy at age seventeen.

Then the navy for three years completed his physical come-back, and gave him a first opportunity to teach the gospel by example and by a few well chosen words now and then in fulfillment of a blessing he had received at enlistment under the hands of Apostle George F. Richards. For the navy he also served in San Diego as tutor in wrestling, which he had learned from a friend in St. George. Then further training in physical conditioning programs at the YMCA's great school in Chicago for physical instructors; then with the "Y" in Philadelphia,, Chicago and Los Angeles and private physical instruction in Los Angeles.

Followed then the study in physical therapy and massage at Battle Creek, after which came work as a health instructor in the Bernard McFadden studio in New York City and as a lecturer in this field for two years. Then back to southern California in private instruction, and in professional wrestling, and finally doing special parts in movies with Jack Oakie and many other notables of the screen.

From 1938 to 1948 he toured the world as a professional wrestler, meeting the best in every civilized country on the globe and in nearly every state in the Union. There was, of course, an interlude of 18 months, 1941-1943, when he was in the shipyards in Portland.

Now he has come to live among us. In January, 1949, Jonathan Heaton opened the "Brother Jonathan Healthatorium" at 3783 Piedmont avenue, Oakland, fully equipped for "body building, weight reducing, conditioning," and offering kindly, sincere and trained guidance in "dietetics, swedish massage, physical therapy, turkish and cabinet baths and as a health consultant." He and his good wife live on the premises, and he is available at any time by phone, Olympic 2-9261, for appointments.

THE FIVE MORGANS, FATHER AND SONS, OF ORINDA JOINTLY MANUFACTURE SUPERIOR VENETIAN BLINDS IN OAKLAND

Left to right, back row: James O. Morgan, Everett, Wallace, and front row, Lynn and June.

At the close of World War II, Albert L. Morgan and his brother, Everett L. Morgan of Alameda, both ex-servicemen, conceived the idea of going into the venetian blind business. They pooled their resources and contacted a contractor to build a small factory, but were swindled out of $3,500 cash by a contractor who swindled a number of people in the bay area for more than $1,000,000 and is still in San Quentin.

About this time June D. Morgan, an ex-serviceman from Germany, invested what money he had with Albert and Everett, and their father, James O. Morgan, invested some cash with his sons. Soon, Wallace was released from the navy and was asked to join the business. At this time it was decided to put the business on equal basis, regardless of the difference in amount of cash invested by each one.

The Nu-Vu Venetian Blind Co., 6232½ San Pablo, Oakland, has resulted.

These four sons and their father, all of whom have their homes in Orinda, have worked together now for three and one-half years in perfect harmony for which they thank God for having such a wonderful father and mother to have reared a family that could work together so well.

The fact that they all are LDS members and were raised in the Church has been a great factor.

They wish to state that any LDS member showing proof of membership and desiring venetian blinds, draperies, cornices, travers rods and rugs can purchase them with a 25 per cent discount.

The editor of the Messenger spent a pleasant hour with the five Morgans in their factory. They rate their venetian blinds the very best in the west; they include all the latest improved features and with each order the customer receives a written guarantee. The editor saw a large and wonderful machine that shapes, punches, measures and grooves the flat aluminum strips that come to the factory in large rolls.

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ly its greatest.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD GOLD CUP AWARD

The Gold cup awarded for the month's outstanding program in the Aaronic priesthood of Oakland Stake went again this month to Elmhurst ward. San Leandro, this month, ran a close second to Elmhurst.

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VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION
Visit world's largest cement plant

A trip to the world's largest cement plant opened a program of "vocational exploration" for young men of Oakland Stake when they were guided through the Permanente cement plant near Santa Clara, March 19.

Young men 12 through 17 years of age traveled by cars supplied by Aaronic Priesthood and Scout and Explorer leaders.

The April 12 and 13 tours (two days have been set so that all may go) will be through the Alameda county courthouse. For reservations call TW. 3-5870, ext. 81 during the day; or AN. 1-8209 in the evening. Dimond Ward Bishop Elmo Smith will be guide for the tours, starting at 1:30 each day. Aaronic Priesthood and MIA leaders should make reservations early.

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SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Oakland Stake's Scout Court of Honor, April 29, will draw representatives from the seven wards of the stake.

The program is scheduled for Arroyo Viego Park (unless weather prohibits). It seems that more than 400 persons will be present to hear one of the nation's great speakers, Roger Deas.

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R. S. ANNIVERSARY

A delightful 107th Relief Society anniversary party was given under the direction of the Oakland Stake Relief Society Stake board in the Elmhurst chapel March 17 at 8 p.m.

Readings and beautiful musical numbers by the Singing Mothers traced the history and the accomplishments of the society since its organization. Many members wore pioneer costumes and participated in a grand march. Old-time dancing was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eddington.

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MIA NEWS

Sally Lund, formerly of the Stake Sunday School Board has been sustained as activity counselor to Rhea Gustaveson of the YWMIA. Pearl Hatfield, who has so ably assisted Sister Gustaveson the past year and who recently presented her husband with an eight-pound eleven ounce son, will remtin on the board as publicity director. Maurine Fuhrman, recently from Palo Alto, wili work with Sister Cooke in the Junior Department. Marie Thomas, who has faithfully served as a Stake BeeKeeper for almost two years was released because of ill health.

Elder Reed Tolman

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varied, plains, deserts, mountains of picturesque grandeur capped with snow, and jungles with a great variety of foliage. Mostly you find in the "bush," as Aussies term their "country" or forest lands, various varieties of native gums or eucalypts. California has imported its fine eucalyptus trees from Australia.

The missionary work is beginning to go ahead in Australia. Country trips via the bicycle is doing a lot of good in getting the message to those in outlying districts, and incidentally seems to help the missionary a great deal. One learns to rely on the Lord and to appreciate and gain a testimony of the efficacy of prayer while on one's own on these longer trips.

This was definitely the case with me and my missionary companions. I'm reminded of an experience that we had on one country trip. Already out three days and two nights, the Lord had definitely provided for us up to that time. However, each time things were provided us, we were really in need for them. The Lord held off until it came to the point that we absolutely needed help.

This particular night we were in a beautiful little vale called Kangaroo Valley; we had completely tracted the little town, with no luck. It was really cold; and yet no place to stay for the night, and nothing to eat since breakfast. At about 9:00 p.m. the four of us rendezvoued; after a word of prayer, we proceeded to discuss our situation. It was too far to the next town; besides there was about a five-mile drag up hill to get out of the valley.

For some reason I had more faith that night that we would find a place than either of the previous nights though the situation looked much worse. My companions didn't share my optimism, but were nevertheless willing to try any course of action that was decided upon.

I remembered that we had bypassed two or three houses a few miles before we arrived in the city. I suggsted we return and tract those two houses. When we arrived at the houses we found one on one side of the road and one on the other We switched companions and split up. The other two had no luck.

However, my companion and I were practically greeted with open arms; we found they had room for all of us. Each of us had a separate bed given us. But before going to bed we sat down to the best meal of the whole trip. We all certainly thanked the Lord that night in our prayers.

Radio broadcasts, lectures to clubs, quartets and street meetings have also been used with varying success.

It has been a great privilege and blessing to me to see the gospel motivating and activating people's lives. I have been especially interested to see the way the Book of Mormon affects the hearts of men and women. Time and again I have found people who have gained a testimony just through reading that book, in fulfillment to the promise of Moroni. It has been thrilling to me to see the Book of Mormon in action within my own experiences.

Wherever I have gone I have proclaimed the Book of Mormon the "loudest and longest."

I am ever grateful to my Heavenly Father for this privilege of representing the gospel in the imssion field. It has been a fulfillment of a promise in my patriarchal blessing. It has given to me a firm testimony in the restored gospel, that I know is my most priceless gift. In fact it makes me feel like a wealthy man. I feel that my thinking is now just basic enough to help me through the problems that life will present.

I do not really feel that I am released from my missionary work, I feel only that the type of missionary work has changed, but that it still is missionary work. I know that there is still a lot of work to be done in carrying the gospel to the nations of the earth. I pray that I might have the opportunity to assist in this great work.

I also pray that the Lord will bless me that I may not loose the spirit of missionary work, and it is my further desire that we all might become enthused with the desire to bring the light of the gospel to our fellow men, for I know this is the wish of our Father in Heaven, and the only solution to the world's problems.